

traverse, in applicants' Response of April 26, 2001 to the Office Action of March 22, 2001. Additionally, applicants elected with traverse, to prosecute Species B corresponding to Figures 5 - 8A.

This Office Action has stated that the April 26, 2001 reply is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because applicants have not listed all of the claims readable on the elected species as required.

Applicants respectfully submit that the two "species" in Figure 4 and Figures 5-8A have commonality that does not warrant an election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the restriction requirement, applicants submit that claims 14-16, 18-20 and 24-26 are readable on Figures 5-8A.

Applicants also submit that claims 21-23 are readable on Figures 5-8A. Claims 21-23 are dependent from claim 14 and claim the forming step that is readable on Figures 5-8A. Applicants respectfully note that the Office Action of March 22, 2001 acknowledged that rejoinder of claims 14, 15 and 18-23 will be considered if claim 14 is determined to be patentable.

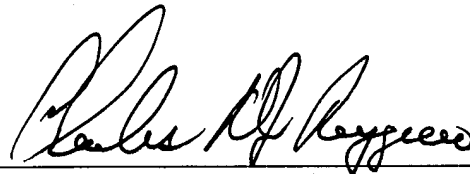
Applicants additionally submit that claims 27-29 are

readable on Figures 5-8A. Claims 27-29 are dependent from claim 16 and claim the forming step that is readable on Figures 5-8A. Applicants respectfully note that the Office Action of March 22, 2001 acknowledged that rejoinder of claim 16 with its dependent claims 27-29 will be considered if claim 16 is determined to be patentable.

Applicants further submit that claims 37-40 are readable on Figures 5-8A. Claims 37-40 claim the flattening step that is readable on Figures 5-8A.

Thus, applicants believe that the above in conjunction with the April 26, 2001 Response fully responses to the March 26, 2001 Action. Nonetheless, should the Examiner believe that there is any issue outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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